



Enforcement Team

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Present: Shelly Cole (Fountain Centers); Kathy Cooper (Rice County Safe Communities Coalition); Jeff Eckhoff (Northfield High School); Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities Grant); Mark Hlady (Rice County Sheriff's Office); Chelle Marquardt (Rice County Community Corrections); Pat Parlin (Northfield Area Learning Center); Neal Pederson (Faribault Police Department); Martha Schultz (Faribault High School); Jim Severson (Discovery Public School); Tori Stewart (Rice County Attorney's Office); Jessica Wolf (Project Home)

Minutes Approval

The group reviewed and approved the minutes from February 2011 (Eckhoff, Severson). *Notes will be posted to the Enforcement Team webpage.*

Youth Advisory Board – Shelly Cole:

Purpose is to help gain youth perspective on coalition's work, allocating resources, prevention planning, etc. and promote youth voice into our community. Have met twice in the last 6 months. Third meeting tonight. Main ideas that have emerged include mixed messages from adults regarding substance use, stricter enforcement regarding suspensions for minor consumptions, etc. Youth reported that some coaches are encouraging athletes to go out for an alternate sport to use up suspensions. The youth also felt they were receiving incomplete education regarding alcohol and drugs in schools. They also mentioned lack of activities for youth in the community, but are willing to work on realistic ideas to address this.

Direction from here: looking at how to sustain this group with new youth filtering in each year. Exploring what messages to send to adults, coaches, parents. Possible series of DVDs marketed to different adult audiences...parents, coaches, community decision makers, etc. that can be used repeatedly.

Agency Updates:

Law Enforcement

Faribault Police Department: not a lot going on regarding underage drinking, anticipates an increase with spring break coming. Had hearing with retired Judge Wolf regarding tobacco store license revocation, will recommend before next council meeting, decision in two weeks.. Seems that alcohol license holders don't repeat as often as tobacco holders. More enforcement for St. Patrick's Day is planned from the MOD Squad. PSAs on KDHL will run. Delivered bar coasters to 6 Faribault bars and post-it notes for pizza boxes to 3 pizza restaurants reminding patrons not to drive drunk. TTITB had another sort last week, collected 85 pounds of DEA drugs for 1 year. On 3/29 Neal will escort the drugs St. Louis, MI for disposal.

Northfield Police Department: no report

Morristown Police Department: no report

Rice County Sheriff's Office: MOD squad planned for this weekend, anticipating good saturation. Received report of a Heroin overdose in Northfield last night.

Rice County Drug Task Force: Very active , lots of work in Northfield.

Lonsdale PD: no report

Corrections: seeing lots of synthetic drugs use. Chelle reported an instance of someone using Fentanyl patches along with other opiates. Drinking is still primary substance of choice, but seeing new cocaine users. Probation officers will be working Faribault this Friday/Sat. night to check case loads, next weekend Northfield and Faribault.

Rice County Attorney's Office: Tori reported they have been really busy. On 2/28 finished up trial for criminal vehicular operation causing great bodily harm resulting in guilty verdict for Jeremy Pexa. There is talk of an appeal. New case involving Josh Schlegal from Hennepin County will be coming. He is charged with felony DWI and fleeing...fourth DWI, 23 years old. Kathy Cooper has 14 vehicular cases on her court monitoring list...lots of young people involved. Tori had a lengthy list of provider cases to report. Samuel Hill plead guilty and was sentenced right away. Monday, 3/21, Sylvia Segovia will start a jury trial. Trevor Larsen, Bobbi Larsen and Tristen Strese invited underage neighbors to their home which resulted in high levels of intoxication. Ryan Melchert plead out in December. Ben Kubinski is set for default omnibus hearing on 3/22. Colton Buecler host an underage drinking party, charged with contributing to delinquency of minor. Staff will send out complete list with notes.

Schools

Northfield High School: six or seven marijuana busts in recent months, working on mock crash for spring, truanancies are still hanging out there.

Northfield Area Learning Center: busy, Sarah Shippy involved with providing treatment to students. Pat reported some kids are coming back to same environment and then relapsing. Has some students testing positive for opiates. Anticipating more underage drinking activity with spring; working with graduating seniors. Pat recently attended a session on synthetic marijuana, DPH facilitated. Included information about government scheduling, how youth are acquiring K2, Spice and bath salts via the internet. Pat also learned that the high is different and include more physical symptoms which has scared many users.

Bethlehem Academy: no report.

Faribault High School: Martha reported that Double Impact is lining up a speaker for B.A. and event for FHS in cooperation with RCCHC. Spring break is next week. Incidences of bullying around race are being addressed. STOPS will be doing "sticker shock" in Lonsdale and Faribault reminding patrons not to provide alcohol to minors.

Discovery School: Jim reported two students had possession of marijuana recently and he suspects 3 others. He is in communication with Faribault PD for additional patrols. Increase in school response to bullying, tripled disciplinary actions since last year. Truancy has improved. Highest enrollment...70 plus.

Social Host Ordinance Update

Faribault: passed. Education efforts underway including digital bill board at intersection of Hwy 21 and Hwy 60. Same design as what Freeborn County used.

Rice County: 1st reading went through, Commissioners would like language changed to "know" from "reasonably should know."

Northfield: 1st reading was passed unanimously. There was one comment in support of the ordinance and one comment suggesting the charges should be civil, not criminal.

Educational Efforts

In addition to postcards and table top displays, the group suggested posters for schools, announcing the ordinance at Faribault's grand march, including a statement on prom card, school websites, and graduation letters. Timing for these activities for Northfield will depend on when the ordinance goes into effect.

Meeting With Judges

The group discussed potential agenda items to discuss with the judges. Ideas included general information about the Enforcement Team , ZAP Protocol including reasoning for search warrants, Social Host Ordinances, and communicating the need to work together to address youth alcohol and drug use. Chelle suggested having a set agenda and not overwhelming the group with too much information. Possibly in May.

ZAP Refresher Training

Staff has been in contact with MN Institute of Public Health. Jim Ramstad, St. Paul Police, still provides the ZAP training and would be available to conduct a refresher course in Rice County. Staff will continue to coordinate with MIPH to schedule training in early April, before the prom and graduation season.

MIPH is looking at hosting a forum on social host ordinances somewhere in the southern part of the state. It's possible we could co-host an event here in Rice County.

Drug Identification Training

Staff have been in contact with the company that provides this training to law enforcement. The plan is to offer a summer session. Jeff suggested the training be in mid-August. Chelle said probation would be interested in a full day training.

Preventing Sexploitation

On April 5th, a special presentation will be given by Lisa Fink, Mayo Pediatric Nurse, in Faribault at the Paradise Center for the Arts. The presentation deals with media, technology and youth. Topics include cell phones, texting, social media, body image, etc. The session is geared for parents, but is open to anyone. CEU certificates will be available. Time is 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Jessica has seen the presentation and said it is very good.

Designer Drugs – RCCHC and Fountain Centers presenting Rick Moldenhauer from Department of Health. He will speak on April 27th from 11 – 1. Lunch will be provided. Location TBA. CEUs will be available. Speaker is great with lots of pertinent information.

Other

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Rice County Government Services Building, Room 3A

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.